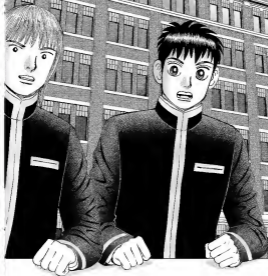




GE  
GENERAL ELECTRIC

G.E.?





...THAT  
AMERICAN  
COMPANY?

G.E.  
YOU  
MEAN.



GENERAL  
ELECTRIC,  
OR G.E. FOR  
SHORT.

THAT'S  
RIGHT.



IT'S THE  
WORLD'S  
BIGGEST  
CONGLOMERATE!

IT WAS  
FOUNDED  
BY THE  
INVENTOR  
THOMAS  
EDISON.



SINCE ITS  
INCEPTION IN MAY  
1896 AS ONE OF  
THE BRANDS OF  
THE DOW JONES  
INDUSTRIAL  
AVERAGE, IT  
HAS REMAINED  
AMERICA'S  
UNIQUE, SUPER-  
FAMOUS  
CORPORATION.



IT MERGED  
WITH THE  
THOMSON-  
HOUSTON  
ELECTRIC  
COMPANY IN  
1892, AND  
CHANGED ITS  
NAME TO  
GENERAL  
ELECTRIC.



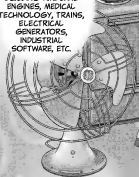
EDISON  
ELECTRIC  
LIGHT  
COMPANY  
WAS  
FOUNDED  
IN 1878.



IT EMPLOYS  
OVER 300,000  
PEOPLE, AND ITS  
STOCK TOTAL VALUE  
IS CURRENTLY  
ALMOST 300 BILLION  
DOLLARS, WHICH  
PUTS IT AMONG THE  
TOP TEN COMPANIES  
IN THE WORLD.  
IN TERMS OF THE  
NUMBER OF PATENTS  
IN EUROPE, AMERICA,  
AND CHINA, IT BOASTS  
BEING NUMBER ONE  
IN THE WORLD.



THE COMPANY'S  
MAIN BUSINESS  
WAS IN B TO C  
ELECTRICAL  
APPLIANCES, BUT  
CURRENTLY IT IS  
OVERWHELMINGLY  
SUCCESSFUL IN B TO B  
PRODUCTS SUCH AS  
BUILDING AIRPLANE  
ENGINES, MEDICAL  
TECHNOLOGY, TRAINS,  
ELECTRICAL  
GENERATORS,  
INDUSTRIAL  
SOFTWARE, ETC.





EVERYTHING  
THAT G.E.  
DOES IS  
CORRECT.

IN TERMS  
OF HISTORY,  
TRADITION, AND  
PERFORMANCE,  
IT'S THE  
WORLD'S  
NUMBER ONE  
COMPANY.



WE DO IT  
THE SAME  
WAY GE  
DOES, SO  
IT SHOULD  
BE FINE.

AT GE, A PERSON'S  
SUCCESSION TO THE  
HIGHEST MANAGERIAL  
POSITION IS  
DETERMINED BY AN  
ORIGINALLY-ARRANGED  
SYSTEM,  
AUTOMATICALLY.  
THUS, THE WAY THE  
DOJUKU INVESTMENT  
CLUB CHOOSES  
ITS CAPTAIN IS THE SAME.



HAVE  
CONFIDENCE  
AND PRIDE  
THAT G.E. AND  
DOJUKU'S  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB USE  
THE SAME  
SYSTEM.

WE DON'T  
NEED TO  
THINK ABOUT  
THE REASON.  
IT'S NOT  
NECESSARY  
TO DOUBT IT,  
EITHER.



I THINK  
IT'S FINE.



SINCE  
YOU PUT IT  
THAT WAY,  
KAMISHIRO-  
SAN, ALL WE  
CAN DO IS  
BELIEVE  
IN IT...



SOUNDS  
FINE TO  
ME.

WE DETER-  
MINE THE  
SUCCESSOR  
BASED ON A  
PREDETER-  
MINED  
SYSTEM.





THEY HAVE  
A LEADER-  
CULTIVATING  
INSTITUTION  
CALLED THE  
"CROTONVILLE"  
PROGRAM WHICH  
THOROUGHLY  
EDUCATES  
LEADERS CHOSEN  
OUT OF 300,000  
EMPLOYEES  
AROUND THE  
WORLD, OUT OF  
SOME 200  
NATIONS.

OF ITS  
120-YEAR-  
LONG  
HISTORY, G.E.  
HAS ONLY HAD  
NINE CEOs.  
THEY'VE ALL  
COME UP  
THROUGH THE  
RANKS FROM  
WITHIN THE  
COMPANY;  
NOBODY FROM  
THE OUTSIDE  
HAS EVER BEEN  
INVITED.

FINALLY,  
THEY CHOOSE  
APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY  
CANDIDATES, THEN  
THEY SQUEEZE  
THEM DOWN TO  
THREE IN A  
PROCESS THAT  
TAKES SEVEN  
YEARS. THE  
SUCCEEDING  
LEADER AT THE END  
WILL BE THE  
PERSON WITH THE  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS  
ACHIEVEMENTS.





IN OTHER  
WORDS, G.E.  
HAS PERFECTED  
A HUMAN  
RESOURCE  
CULTIVATION  
SYSTEM AND  
A LEADER-  
SELECTION  
SYSTEM.

WOW...



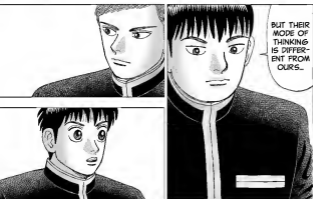
EVEN DURING  
THE TOP  
PERIOD OF  
BUSINESS  
MANAGING,  
THEY FUND  
CRONTONVILLE  
30%.

THEY FUND  
CRONTON-  
VILLE WITH  
ONE BILLION  
DOLLARS  
EVERY  
YEAR.



THERE IS  
NO OTHER  
CORPORATION  
IN THE WORLD  
THAT EXPENDS  
THIS MUCH  
ENERGY  
IN THEIR  
SUCCESSOR-  
SELECTION  
PROCESS.

THAT'S HOW  
METICULOUS  
G.E. IS ABOUT  
THEIR  
SUCCESSOR  
CHOOSING  
SYSTEM.







IT'LL BE  
SOLVED  
WHEN  
NABE-SAN  
RETURNS.



I GUESS  
OUR  
PROBLEM  
HAS BEEN  
SOLVED,  
THEN.



DON'T  
WORRY,  
HE'LL BE  
BACK AS IF  
NOTHING HAD  
HAPPENED.



HE'S  
PROBABLY  
WAITING FOR  
A TRAIN AT A  
STATION IN  
THE SNOW.  
PROBABLY  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.

I  
WONDER  
WHAT  
HE'S UP  
TO  
RIGHT  
NOW.



I WONDER  
IF RYUGORO  
INTENDED  
A TOP-  
CHOOSING  
SYSTEM,  
LIKE G.E.'S.

BUT I  
DON'T THINK  
RYUGORO  
KNEW A  
THING  
ABOUT G.E.

APPARENTLY  
RYUGORO  
CREATED THE  
CAPTAIN-  
SWITCHING  
RULE OF THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.

I WONDER  
WHAT WAS  
GOING THROUGH  
RYUGORO'S MIND  
WHEN HE TAUGHT  
THE RULE TO HIS  
KOHAI'S AT THE  
TIME.

IN OTHER  
WORDS, IT WAS  
RYUGORO'S  
OWN UNIQUE  
IDEA.



WHOOAAAAA!









YOU  
MUST HAND IT  
DOWN AS THE  
IRONCLAD LAW  
WHICH MUST  
NEVER BE  
BROKEN,  
ETERNALLY  
INTO THE  
FUTURE.

THIS IS  
THE LAW OF  
THE DOJUKU  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.



I'D LIKE  
TO KNOW  
THE  
REASON  
FOR IT,  
THOUGH.

I UNDER-  
STAND.



IT IS TO  
EXPUNGE  
EGOTISM  
FROM THE  
SUCCESSOR-  
SELECTION  
PROCESS.



EGOTISM...



